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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 2, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDRÉ CARSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, You see and know all things. Strive as we may to gain knowledge and insight, there is only so much that we are able to see, and even more that we do not know because You have not yet revealed it to us. Grant us the grace to see You clearly, that in seeing You, we would know You. And in knowing You, we would find faith in the eternal and gracious plan we cannot yet see.

Then may we fix our eyes on You, from whence comes our help. Show us that You, who made heaven and Earth, watch over us this day. You are our shade at our right hand, that the harshness of the day will not harm us. You are our guardian in the night, ensuring that no evil will draw near to us.

In our comings and goings, from things seen and unseen, in the known and unknown, now and forevermore, O Eternal One, may we look to You, our shield and defender.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TAKANO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING TRACEY VACKAR

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Riverside Community College District Trustee Tracey Vackar for her esteemed service to public education throughout California's 41st Congressional District.

Trustee Vackar embodies steadfast commitment to Riverside Community College students, helping them realize and achieve the American Dream through education.

Tracey is the immediate past president of the RCCD board and was elected by her out-of-district peers to serve on the California Community College Trustees Board, a massive indication of her leadership. With over two decades of working in the Moreno Valley Unified School District, and in my colleague PETE AGUILAR's neighboring district with Fontana Unified School District, Tracey's dedication to students spans the Inland Empire.

Tracey deeply understands the critical role that our community colleges play in creating workforce training opportunities to expand middle-class families' pathway toward college degrees.

With her unparalleled passion for service, Tracey is an exemplary role model for Inland Empire students. She will be missed on the board, but I wish her best of luck on her next journey.

CONGRATULATING THE USA MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise on the House floor to congratulate the men's national soccer team on their win this past week against Iran at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

After missing out on the 2018 World Cup, the United States returned this year for the first time in 8 years.

With draws against Wales and England to start the group stage, the U.S. needed a crucial win against Iran to advance to the knockout stage. The U.S. team delivered a 1-0 victory with a stellar goal by Christian Pulisic and a staunch defensive performance from goalie Matt Turner.

I know I join with my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives and fans across the country in congratulating the men's national soccer team.

Throughout the World Cup, the team has shown class, respect, grit, and patriotism, inspiring a new generation of fans and youth across the country. Coach Gregg Berhalter and the entire team have made our country so proud. I look forward to cheering them on tomorrow as they face the Netherlands.

Go U.S.A. Beat the Dutch.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOY FOR JOY CAMPAIGN

(Mr. NEAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to the Springfield, Massachusetts, Citadel of the Salvation Army, The Republican newspaper, El Pueblo Latino MassLive, Reminder Publishing, and The Westfield News upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Toy for Joy campaign.

Founded in the early 1920s by the Bowles family, the Toy for Joy program has been a century-long collaboration between The Salvation Army and The Republican, with roots going back to The Daily News and the Union News, providing toys and books to children in need throughout the Pioneer Valley.

Sustained by the spirit of giving through periods of war, economic depression, and health crises, Toy for Joy has benefited thousands of families when they needed it most.

Thanks to the hard work of countless volunteers, along with the generosity of the people of western Massachusetts, Toy for Joy has continued to fulfill its mission of bringing Christmas joy to the children of our region during the holiday season.

Toy for Joy is a cherished initiative in western and central Massachusetts, and I, like others, want to wish it many more years of success and prosperity.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN DAVE HOBSON

(Mr. CAREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of my dear friend, Congressman Dave Hobson, who is a former member of the Ohio Air National Guard, the Ohio State Senate, as well as a Member of this body for 17 years representing Ohio's Seventh District.

Earlier this week, Dave—or “Uncle Dave”, as his former constituents fondly call him—was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame for his service in the Ohio Air National Guard. As a veteran in Congress, Dave was able to secure more than \$200 million in Federal funding for military projects in Ohio and beyond.

I would also like to personally thank Dave for the positive impact he had on me throughout the years, as you can see, from a very young age, and he continues to have on me today as he does much of Ohio. I am also now honored to represent Dave's home county of Clark County in western Ohio.

We have quite literally come full circle, and I am glad to see his legacy recognized as he joins the impressive ranks of his brothers and sisters in arms in the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Dave, congratulations on this momentous occasion, and thank you for your continued mentorship and friendship for the last 35 years.

OPEN SEASON FOR AFFORDABLE CARE ACT COVERAGE

(Mr. CASTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, last year, a record 14.5 million Americans registered for healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act, including 5.8 million previously uninsured people who have been able to gain coverage.

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act, we have reduced monthly healthcare premiums for millions of Americans by an average of \$800 per person per year.

When you sign up for a healthcare plan through the Affordable Care Act, you gain low-cost access to doctors, lifesaving preventative care, mental health care, and more.

It is open enrollment season. That means if you currently have or want to obtain healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act, please log on to the exchange at HealthCare.Gov and choose a plan by December 15 to ensure that you have coverage starting at the beginning of next year.

CONGRATULATING MARY GITHENS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Savannah restaurant owner Mary Githens for her placement in Georgia Trend's annual 40 Under 40 list.

Mary immigrated to the United States when she was 17, and one of the first objects of her homesickness was the lack of authentic food from her native Peru.

She took to Georgia Southern University's Armstrong campus and enrolled in entrepreneurial courses, dead set on fixing Savannah's apparent lack of Peruvian cuisine herself.

Just a year after she graduated, she put those entrepreneurial skills to use and opened the first Latin Chicks location in the Oglethorpe Mall food court in 2009. The restaurant was a huge success and quickly expanded to a second location.

Today, Mary is the owner and operator of three restaurant enterprises: Mint to Be Mojitos, which offers Latin-inspired cocktails; The Apparition, a bar and speakeasy; and, of course, Latin Chicks, the venture that started it all.

Mary's story exemplifies perfectly what the American Dream is about. No matter who you are and where you come from, you can achieve great things with a bold vision and the ambition to achieve it.

I want to commend Mary for her hard-earned success and Georgia Trend for recognizing her accomplishments.

REMEMBERING JUDY ACKERMAN

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, November 6, El Paso lost a beautiful soul, the beloved Judy Ackerman, who had been battling cancer since 2015.

A veteran who served our country, a conservationist who loved the outdoors and the Chihuahuan Desert, she was always ready for a hike. She was a relentless activist who was never seen without a petition in hand fighting for the integrity of our natural spaces and our beautiful community on the border. Judy's legacy is one that El Pasoans will never forget.

Judy dedicated 20 years of her life to the preservation of the Castner Range in El Paso, and her advocacy has brought us closer than ever to protecting this crown jewel of west Texas.

Today, we honor her service to our country, to conservation, and to El Paso.

Thank you for being my friend and thank you for being the best friend our community could ever have. You will never be forgotten.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled joint resolution was signed by